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PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: INITIATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF
DRAMS FROM KOREA (C-580-851)

1. ON NOVEMBER 27, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS INITIATION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY SEMICONDUCTORS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (67 FR 70927).

2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY SEMICONDUCTORS ("DRAMS") FROM KOREA, WHETHER

ASSEMBLED OR UNASSEMBLED. ASSEMBLED DRAMS INCLUDE ALL PACKAGE TYPES. UNASSEMBLED DRAMS INCLUDE PROCESSED WAFERS, UNCUT DIE, AND CUT DIE. PROCESSED WAFERS FABRICATED IN KOREA, BUT ASSEMBLED INTO FINISHED SEMICONDUCTORS OUTSIDE KOREA ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE. PROCESSED WAFERS FABRICATED OUTSIDE KOREA AND ASSEMBLED INTO FINISHED SEMICONDUCTORS IN KOREA ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE.

THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ADDITIONALLY INCLUDES MEMORY MODULES CONTAINING DRAMS FROM KOREA. A MEMORY MODULE IS A COLLECTION OF DRAMS, THE SOLE FUNCTION OF WHICH IS MEMORY. MEMORY MODULES INCLUDE SINGLE IN-LINE PROCESSING MODULES ("SIPS"), SINGLE IN-LINE MEMORY MODULES ("SIMMS"), DUAL IN-LINE MEMORY MODULES ("DIMMS"), SMALL OUTLINE DUAL IN-LINE MEMORY MODULES ("SODIMMS"), RAMBUS IN-LINE MEMORY MODULES ("RIMMS"), AND MEMORY CARDS OR OTHER COLLECTIONS OF DRAMS, WHETHER UNMOUNTED OR MOUNTED ON A CIRCUIT BOARD. MODULES THAT CONTAIN OTHER PARTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE FUNCTION OF MEMORY ARE COVERED. ONLY THOSE MODULES THAT CONTAIN ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH ALTER THE FUNCTION OF THE MODULE TO SOMETHING OTHER THAN MEMORY, SUCH AS VIDEO GRAPHICS ADAPTER ("VGA") BOARDS AND CARDS, ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE. THIS INVESTIGATION ALSO COVERS FUTURE DRAM MODULE TYPES.

THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ADDITIONALLY INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, VIDEO RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY ("VRAM"), AND SYNCHRONOUS GRAPHICS RAM ("SGRAM"), AS WELL AS VARIOUS TYPES OF DRAMS, INCLUDING FAST PAGE-MODE ("FPM"), EXTENDED DATA-OUT ("EDO"), BURST EXTENDED DATA-OUT ("BEDO"), SYNCHRONOUS DYNAMIC RAM ("SDRAM"), RAMBUS DRAM ("RDRAM") AND DOUBLE DATA RATE DRAM, ("DDR SDRAM"). THE SCOPE ALSO INCLUDES ANY FUTURE DENSITY, PACKAGING, OR ASSEMBLING OF DRAMS. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ARE REMOVABLE MEMORY MODULES PLACED ON MOTHERBOARDS, WITH OR WITHOUT A CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT ("CPU"), UNLESS THE IMPORTER OF THE MOTHERBOARDS CERTIFIES WITH THE

CUSTOMS SERVICE THAT NEITHER IT, NOR A PARTY RELATED TO IT OR UNDER CONTRACT TO IT, WILL REMOVE THE MODULES FROM THE MOTHERBOARDS AFTER IMPORTATION. THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT INCLUDE DRAMS OR MEMORY MODULES THAT ARE RE-IMPORTED FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.

THE DRAMS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADINGS 8542.21.8005 AND 8542.21.8021 THROUGH 8542.21.8029 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"). THE MEMORY MODULES CONTAINING DRAMS FROM KOREA, DESCRIBED ABOVE, ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADINGS 8473.30.10.40 OR 8473.30.10.80 OF THE HTSUS. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE DEPARTMENT'S WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION REMAINS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBER: (C-580-851).

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE

ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT SURESH MANIAM AT 202-482-0176, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, RESPECTIVELY.

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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